

# News Release



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**California Department of Parks and Recreation, Carmel Area State Parks General Plan**

**State Parks Begins General Plan Process, Requests Your Input for Future of Carmel Area State Parks**

California State Parks announced today that it will hold a public meeting on April 18, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, at Rancho Cañada Golf Club (4860 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel) to solicit public input on the development of the Carmel Area State Parks General Plan. This General Plan document will guide the future use of four properties in the Carmel Area planning area including Point Lobos State Natural Reserve and Carmel River State Beach, both of which are classified State Park units; and two unclassified properties commonly known as Point Lobos Ranch and Hatton Canyon. All who would like to be involved in the planning process are encouraged to attend this public meeting.

California State Parks has initiated a stakeholder-driven process whereby issues and ideas voiced by community members will help guide project research, alternatives development, and environmental analysis. Several public workshops will be conducted during the planning process. The public meeting being held on April 18 is the first of these workshops, and will serve to introduce the planning process and solicit input.

The purpose for the public process is to develop a cohesive and comprehensive general plan that guides the future management of Carmel Area State Parks. The plan will provide guidance on the development of new facilities, resource protection, and allocation of funding. A website for the Carmel Area State Parks General Plan was established at <http://www.parks.ca.gov/caspgp>. Planning information, including maps and documents, will be posted to this website throughout the planning process.

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